(b) There have been instances when terrorists have used Thuraya sets in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) In order to curb such activities, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technolgy, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States.

Blockade on NH-53 by insurgents

2432. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur's Capital Imphal remains cut off for almost a month due to blockade of NH-53 connecting Silchar with Imphal by insurgents;

(b) whether the Centre has commissioned the Army to take control of the 200 km stretch on NH-53 now under siege by insurgents and to provide escort to supply vehicles; and

(c) how soon normalcy is expected in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Economic blockade was declared on NH-39 and NH-53 by All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) from the intervening night of June 19/20, 2005.

(b) and (c) According to the Government of Manipur, after strengthening of bridge on NH-53, sustained/regular movement of vehicles is continuing. As per the press release, jointly issued by Naga Students' Federation (NSF) and ANSAM, economic blockade on NH-39 and NH-53 has been temporarily relaxed from mid-day of 11th August 2005.

Criminal tendency among adolescents

†2433. SHRI AJYA MAROO:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing criminal tendency among the adolescents;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.